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## Maywald makes world military ski team

by SSgt. Andrew Reitano

Capt. Dale Maynard of the 439<sup>th</sup> Support Group recently qualified to represent the United States in the 43<sup>rd</sup> World Military Ski Championships in Stowe, Vt., March 6-11.

Maynard is one of five-member team competing in the Giant Slalom portion of the competition, which involves 21 countries from South America and Europe.

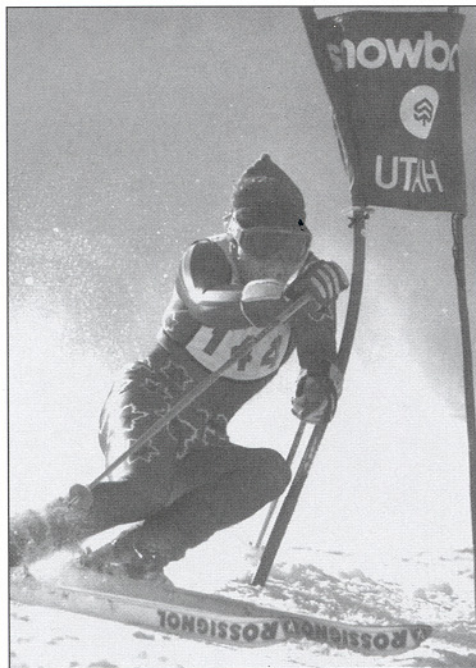
The Conseil International du Sport Militaire (International Military Sports Council) is an international organization based in Brussels, Belgium that sanctions, regulates and organizes a variety of athletic competitions between member nations throughout the year. Like Maynard, athletes are members of the armed forces of the member nations. The American team consists of 25 competitors from active and reserve units in the Air Force, Marines and Army.

"This competition features the top European military skiers," he said. In addition to the giant slalom, the event features cross-country skiing, biathlon and military patrol.

Maynard began skiing when he was two years old and racing when he was eight years old. "Skiing is a motivational tool for the other things I do in life. In my civilian and Reserve jobs, I know that if I get tired or stressed out, I have skiing to look forward to as a way to relax. A high-speed, cruising run is more fun than any thing else you can do," said Maynard.

Growing up, Maynard raced with the U.S. Ski Association and then with the NCAA when in college. While he was on active duty, Maynard raced every opportunity he had. For 10 of his 12 years on active duty, Maynard competed in the Air Force Invitational Meet at Hill AFB, Utah. Four times he captured first place finishes and placed second several other times.

Maynard is a personnel officer with the 439<sup>th</sup> Support Group.



**SPEED DEMON** — Capt. Dale Maynard carves a slalom turn during a competition held in Utah.

## Briefs

### Quarter awards winners announced

The Quarterly Awards Board selected the following individuals as winners of the third quarter of fiscal 2001:

Airman:

SrA Kimberly L. Kopp, 439 MSS

NCO:

TSgt. Richard R. Michaud, 439 CES

Senior NCO:

MSgt. Gary A. Hebert, 439 MXS

Officer:

2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Joseph M. Zacharicz, 439 MXS

Civilian:

Joseph W. Montanez, 439 MXS

Supervisor:

Alan P. Rogers, 439 MXS

### NCO call scheduled

A non-commissioned officer's call for all staff sergeants and technical sergeants is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Saturday, April 7, at the Westover Conference Center.

### Base Advisory Council recruiting new members

The Base Advisory Council is looking for new members. Meetings are held from 9 to 10 a.m. on Sunday of the "A" UTA, at the Support Group Conference Room in Bldg. 1850.

To be eligible, you must be a technical sergeant or below and be able to make 75 percent of the meetings. The commitment is a minimum of one year.

Anyone interested in serving should contact their unit first sergeant.

### March UTA schedule A UTA March 10-11 B UTA March 24-25

#### Front cover photo

**NEAR RECORD**—Westover firefighters, Donny Campbell, Darren Evasius and Ed Renauld dig out fire hydrants in front of Hangar 5 after a Nor'easter dumped 20 inches on the base Feb. 5. The record single-day snowfall is 22 inches which fell in 1948.

—Photo by MSgt. W.C. Pope

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# 439th Airlift Wing mobility check points for wartime mission

by 1st Lt. Kelly Braudis  
Military Personnel Flight Commander

Patriot Tomahawk, Team Yankee, and the Expeditionary Operational Inspection Inspector General Exercise (EORI/IGX) are all events where the 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing will be inspected on our readiness to fulfill our wartime mission. Within the next six months "readiness," the Wing's number one priority, will be the emphasis of each UTA.

All members of the 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing that are assigned to "mobility" positions should be ready to deploy at a moment's notice. Those not in a mobility position could be assigned to such a position on short notice if needed, and receive just-in-time training.

Are you ready to deploy? Are you tasked for Patriot Tomahawk or Team Yankee in May? Will you deploy as part of our units being inspected by the AMC IG during the IGX in July and August? Here are all of the requirements that must be met in order for you, as an Air Force Reserve Expeditionary Warrior, to deploy on a contingency.

*You must have the following documentation with you when you process through the Deployment Processing Line:*

ID Card – Up-to-date reflecting your current grade; must not expire during the deployment

Dog Tags – A set of 2

Record of Emergency Data/DD Form 93 Up-to-date and reflecting all of your family members and their current addresses.

Shot Record – All of your shots must be current. The flu shot is required to deploy

Passport – If required

*Your mobility folder should also contain:*

Locator Card/AF Form 245

Hand Receipt – As needed

Baggage Tags – 2 Sets

Leave and Earning Statement  
OJT Record – If required

*You should verify your personal affairs are in order:*

Family Care Plan, AF Form 357

Last Will and Testament

Powers of Attorney

Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance

*You may also need:*

Line Badge/USAF Restricted Area Badge

State and Government Driver's License

Prescription Glasses

Gas Mask Spectacle Inserts

Mask Fit Test Documentation

Hearing Aids

Personal Clothing

Professional Equipment

*Your training should be complete:*

Small Arms Qualification

Self-Aid & Buddy Care

NBC Defense Training (Chem Warfare)

Law of Armed Conflict

Anti-terrorism/Force Protection

Explosive Ordinance Recognition

Security Awareness Training and Education (SATE)

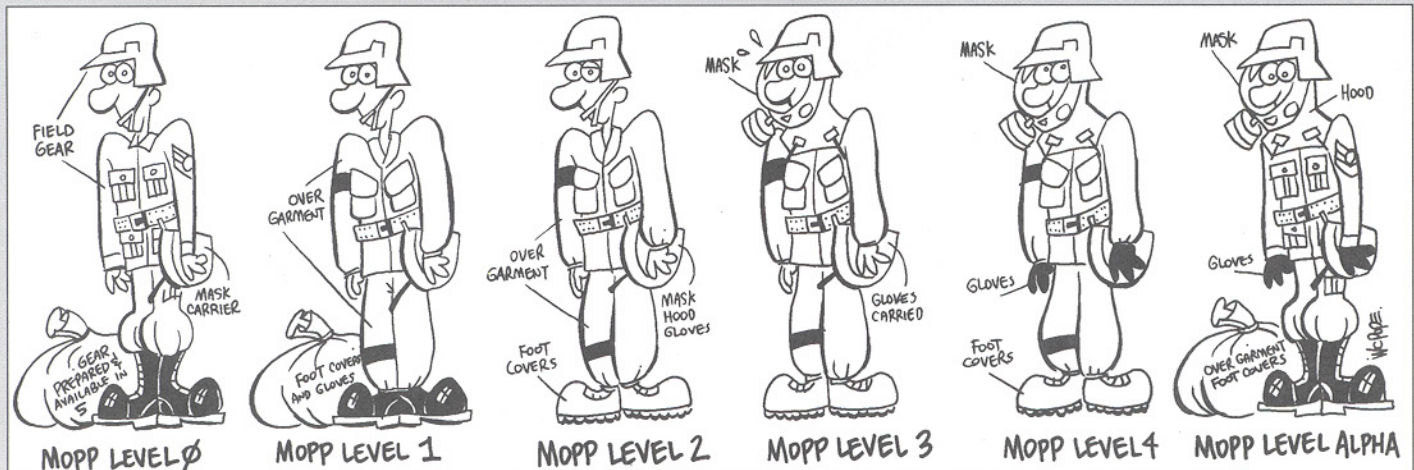
Pallet Buildup/Cargo Preparation

Hazardous Cargo Certification

Your unit deployment manager (UDM) is your point of contact for verifying deployment eligibility. If you have questions, see your UDM or your supervisor. You have only have 6 UTA days left to prepare for Patriot Tomahawk and 10 UTA days until the IGX!

## MOPP\* LEVEL QUICK CARTOON GUIDE

\* MISSION-ORIENTED PROTECTIVE POSTURE



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## Self defense class for kids teaches more than jujitsu

by SSgt. Andrew Reitano

The Westover School of Self-Defense for Kids started out as a suggestion to involve children in the base fitness center, but has evolved into a dynamic program that goes beyond self-defense.

The class, which teaches Jujitsu, not only spotlights self defense and sparring, but builds self-esteem, confidence and focus in the students.

"I try to instill different things the kids may lack such as discipline in school or at home," said SMSgt. Dave Carbin, class instructor. "The class provides the students with the skills needed to compete in tournaments and how to defend themselves, while stressing that it is not a skill they should misuse."

During class, Carbin frequently questions the kids to make sure they are aware of the values and principles he is trying to instill in them. Carbin's philosophy for the class is not to just promote understanding of the kicks, grabs and moves, but how the kids use this new skill. "I want the kids to understand that they are studying Jujitsu to better themselves, and as a secondary to defend themselves if necessary," said Carbin. "I always emphasize that there's a line they must draw—just because you know Jujitsu doesn't mean you can use it recklessly."

Discipline and focus is what Carbin wants his students to apply to schoolwork, family and behavior. "I want the kids to apply what they learn in Jujitsu class to the other facets of their lives," he said. When students aren't performing well in school or display behavioral problems, they are temporarily withdrawn from Jujitsu. According to Carbin, this method of "punishment" is effective in getting the kids



**KARATE KIDS** — Children in the School of Self Defense for Kids strike a stance at the Westover Fitness Center.  
— photo by MSgt. Pat Cassidy

back on track. "For many of these kids, the Jujitsu class gives them feelings of accomplishment, belonging and structure," said Carbin.

The students are rewarded with different belts as they progress through the various stages of the class. Every six months students are eligible to test for the next belt. Prior to testing, Carbin outlines the necessary requirements to "promotion."

Jujitsu classes for kids are on Mondays and Wednesdays, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., at the base fitness center.



## TRICARE dental coverage premium correction

An error appeared in a PATRIOT article about the TRICARE Dental Coverage Premium last month.

The Single Premium (one family member) and the Family Premium (more than one family member) do not include the sponsor's premium. The sponsor's premium is bill in addition to the family premiums. Selected Reserve sponsors can enroll independently of their family members, and family members can enroll independently of the sponsor.

If both the sponsor and family members are enrolled, both premiums apply. For example the premium for a sponsor and one family member would be \$7.63 plus \$19.08 for a total premium of \$26.71; for the sponsor and more than one family member, the premium would be \$7.63 plus \$47.69 for a total of \$55.32.

Reservists should review the TRICARE Dental Program guide thoroughly prior to enrolling. Information may also be found on the United Concordia web page, [www.ucci.com](http://www.ucci.com) or by calling United Concordia Enrollment and Initial Billing at 1-888-622-2256. Other questions may be address to United Concordia Customer Service Center, 1-800-866-8499 from 7 p.m. Sunday to 8 p.m. Fridays.

**CONFIG.SYS** — Maj. Adele Ainsburg, (front) and Capt. Marie Dufault, from the 439th AES configure a Keesler AFB C-130 for patients.  
— photo by MSgt. Sandi Michon



## Westover uses high-tech scarecrows for bird problem

by SSgt. Andrew Reitano

Bird droppings on your car, can be very annoying.

Although this can be frustrating on a personal level, it can have serious consequences when it involves OSHA regulations and mission effectiveness.

To prevent these types of outcomes at Westover, the 439<sup>th</sup> Maintenance Squadron has been using Peaceful Pyramid Birdscareers to ward off unwelcome avian visitors.

"Birds going in hangars has been a long-time problem. I'm sure the Wright Brothers had to contend with the same problem," said Maj. David Post, Logistics Group deputy commander. "It's essential to break their feeding habits as soon as possible. Once an established feeding pattern is in place, it is very difficult to move the birds from their roosts."

Consisting of a rotating, three-panel, reflective pyramid, the Peaceful Pyramid



**BIRD'S EYE VIEW** — MSgt. Ron Philbrick, ISO dock's B Flight Chief inspects the pyramid that adorns the roof of their offices in the ISO dock.

—photo by MSgt. W.C. Pope

deflects light into the air at the reverse angle of a bird's approach. Initially designed to operate off a 12-volt battery, the units at Westover have been modified to run off of an electric outlet. "Although originally used on farms, the Peaceful Pyramid has now proved equally effective in many other commercial areas where birds are as much, if not more, of a problem," said Post.

The devices have been in operation for a year at Westover, and according to Post, the presence of birds in the maintenance hangars has dropped drastically. "The maximum bird dropping accumulation set by OSHA is one dropping per square inch within a roosting area of six feet or more," said Post. "When this amount is met or exceeded, in any part of the hangar, it must be cleaned immediately."

Cleanup usually involves asking civilian volunteers to work overtime, or utilizing military personnel away from their regular duties. "So far the pyramids are working well and clean up has been less frequent," said Post.

## Wing aircrews tally up C-5 flying-hour safety milestones

### C-5 1,000 hour club

TSgt. Mark Schmitter  
TSgt. Jeffrey Greenwood  
TSgt. Mark Butler  
SSgt. Richard Gauvreau  
Capt. James Miller  
1Lt. David Capuano  
TSgt. Mark Pleva  
TSgt. Steve Bryant  
Capt. Mike Smith

### C-5 2,000 hour club

Maj. Matt Warren  
SSgt. Ava Swedock  
Lt. Col. Mike Vinskey  
TSgt. Joe Fournier  
MSgt. Lawrence Garwacki

### C-5 5,000 hour club

Lt. Col. Sandy Whittier  
MSgt. David Wilson  
TSgt. Richard Titcomb  
MSgt. Henry Olearcek  
MSgt. Bruce Szepelek

### Total flying hours

SMSgt. Elton Wiehe—  
8,500 hours  
TSgt. Mark Pleva—7,500 hours  
SMSgt. Garth Parker—  
6,500 hours  
Lt. Col. Ken Riley—6,500 hours  
TSgt. Richard Titcomb—  
5,000 hours  
MSgt. Dave Wilson—  
5,000 hours  
Maj. Matt Warren—3,500 hours  
Capt. Dave Smith—3,500 hours  
TSgt. Wayne Robinson—  
3,500 hours  
MSgt. Richard Bready—  
2,500 hours  
Maj. Kenneth McQuade—  
2,500 hours  
Maj. Eric Pennell—2,500 hours  
Capt. Kevin Tessier—  
2,500 hours  
Capt. Thomas Maurer—  
2,500 hours  
Capt. Mike Smith—2,500 hours  
TSgt. Dan Ejdy—2,500 hours  
MSgt. Lawrence Garwacki—  
2,500 hours



**SAFETY FIRST** — Aircrew members of the 439th Airlift Wing receive flying safety awards during the February UTA. From row, from left, are TSgt. Joe Fournier, 200 hours; TSgt. Richard Titcomb, 5,000 hours; Bruce Szepelek, 5,000 hours. Back row, Lt. Ken Riley, 6,500 hours; Lt. Col. Mike Vinskey, 2,000 hours; Lt. Col. Sandy Whittier, 5,000 hours and TSgt. Steve Bryant, 1,000 hours. All certificates were for hours flown in the C-5, except for Riley and Titcomb which are total flying hours.

—photo by MSgt. W.C. Pope





# Westover aircrew delivers life-saving aid to Honduras

Article and photos  
by MSgt. Tom Allocco

Honduran people, living in a poor country still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Mitch, received a much appreciated helping hand thanks to a cooperative effort between Rotary International and a 439th Airlift Wing C-5 aircrew in February.

The Westover aircrew, under Aircraft Commander Capt. David Hutchinson, carried to Soto Cano Air Base, Honduras two fire trucks, 11 dialysis machines, medical equipment, school desks and other donations collected through Rotary International in Hingham.

The two fire vehicles, one a ladder truck and the other a hose truck, bearing the designation Easton Fire Department that donated them, were old, but still in perfect working condition. They were slated to go on duty in Tegucigalpa, the capital of Honduras, 60 miles from Soto Cano.

The dialysis machines, medical equipment and school desks will be distributed in Tegucigalpa and in the back country of one of the poorest countries in Central America.

In a country where people can go a lifetime without seeing a doctor, the medical equipment can mean the difference between life and death.

"The need is so great here that the volunteer work done by active duty, reserve and air guard members is critical to these people. The

Hondurans were already poor and then further devastated by Hurricane Mitch in 1998," said Capt. Arleigh Von Soggem, Protestant chaplain at Soto Cano.

He noted that Honduran villagers are so desperate for medical care that they will leave seriously ill or injured family members at the front gate in hopes of getting life-saving attention.

"Our medical people go to Comayagua, La Paz and set up shop. We also support missionaries in remote locations," he said.

"An air guard unit recently set up a one-day dental clinic on a school front porch. Mostly they pulled teeth for people who had never seen a dentist. They also held classes on how to use tooth brushes and tooth paste," he said.

"They go into areas that you can only reach by helicopter. I've seen waiting rooms in the mud," he said.

Airmen and soldiers stationed at Soto Cano regularly visit orphanages to cook meals, play games, give toys and spend time with the children.

Among those who hope to benefit from American medical assistance are Historic Baptist Church missionaries Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blake of Rhode Island. They have been living in the Honduran mountain villages for three years, following his retirement from the military.

"We have been praying for a medical program. There is a real need for preventive



**TITANS** — The huge C-5 on the ramp at Soto Cano AB, is dwarfed by the mountain range in Honduras. The Westover Galaxy delivered humanitarian supplies in February.

medicine in the mountains. People have nothing," she said.

Honduran Doctor Guillermo Saenz, who serves at Soto Cano as the Honduran medical liaison, said he was speaking for his countrymen in offering sincere thanks for the help.

"We hope Americans will realize how important it is to keep the assistance coming. Your generosity saves lives here," he said.

The delivery of humanitarian aid is an ongoing Air Force effort conducted on a space available basis as authorized by the Denton Amendment.

A team of Westover medics treated thousands in remote villages in Honduras in 1996, and Westover C-5s were among the first delivering disaster aid days after Hurricane Mitch. In May 1999, a team of engineers from Westover spend two weeks in Honduras rebuilding schools, clinics, bridges, culverts and digging wells.

For most of the aircrew the mission to Honduras was another in a string of humanitarian flights. Loadmaster TSgt. Tom Mellor's first mission was on a Westover 439th TAW C-130 in 1987. TSgt. Steven Gilzinger remembered a humanitarian mission following Hurri-



**SECOND LIFE** — A fire truck from Easton, Mass. is offloaded from a Westover C-5 at Soto Cano AB in February. The equipment is badly needed to fight frequent brush fires during the dry season in Honduras.

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**LOADING ZONE —** A fire truck backs onto a C-5 at Westover as part of the humanitarian aid cargo delivered to Honduras in February. Two older, but still serviceable fire trucks from the town of Easton, Mass. were donated to the people in Honduras.



## *From Honduras to Utah, aircrew meets all challenges*

Article and photo  
by MSgt. Tom Allocco

The Westover aircrew who delivered fire trucks and other humanitarian aid to Soto Cano AB, woke up early in Honduras and went to bed late in Hawaii.

In response to a delay caused by an electric problem, Aircraft Commander Capt. David Hutchinson arranged a flight plan that took the aircrew non-stop across the Gulf of Mexico, southwest U.S. and to Hawaii in a 12.1-hour flight.

During the eight-day mission from Westover to Honduras, Hawaii, Utah and home, weather and changing circumstances would continually throw challenges up for the problem-solving, decision-making skills of the aircraft commander and pilots Capt. Richard Scheller and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jonathan Carlson. Flight engineers MSgt. Rick Turpin, MSgt. David Cambio, MSgt. Glenn Flynn and MSgt. Tony Colucci helped by constantly crunching the numbers on systems performance, fuel consumption, cargo weight, alternate airfields, weather and more.

Like chess players, those in the cockpit had to focus all their attention to weigh every knowable factor and then make the best choice to maximize the effectiveness of the mission, all within strict bounds of safety and established procedures.

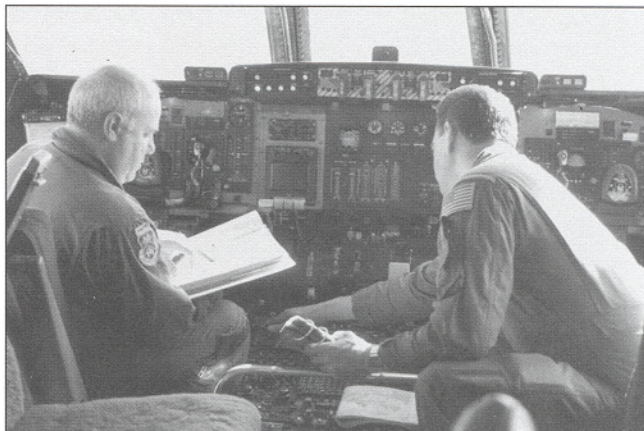
After overnighting at Hickam AFB, Oahu, the aircrew flew to the island of

Kauai, home of the Navy's Pacific Missile Range Facility.

The facility is located in an area designated Barking Sands, a name that some say originated with the popping sound made by the sand when youngsters slide down dunes in the area. The island in the west of the Hawaiian archipelago is home to wild roosters who roam and crow at will. Besides sand dunes and roosters, the Barking Sands area is notable for steady trade winds that on the first day measured a 30-knot tail wind.

Loadmasters SMSgt. Garth Parker, TSgt. Tom Mellor, TSgt. Steven Gilzinger and SrA. Jim Kirkby loaded an operable rocket motor, a deactivated rocket motor and rocket hardware for delivery to Hill AFB, Utah.

Following a delay to allow Barking Sands' gusting winds to subside, the C-5 aircrew proceeded to Hill AFB, not knowing for sure if they would find the base open in the wake of a Utah blizzard. They successfully delivered the rocket motor and other cargo to an icy Hill AFB, at 4,800 feet elevation, where the temperature was more than 50 degrees below the high 70s they left in Hawaii. Maintenance



**ATTENTION TO DETAIL —** Flight engineers MSgt. Tony Colucci and MSgt. Rick Turpin conduct a pre-flight before departing Hickam AFB, Hawaii.

specialists MSgt. David Cabana and MSgt. Paul Gagnon were up early the next morning wearing their heaviest gear against the bone-chilling cold while trouble shooting on a wind-swept flight line.

On the eighth day of the mission, the aircrew returned to Westover, not knowing if they would divert to Dover AFB, Del. amid reports of deteriorating weather and ice at home.

The weather held up well enough to land at Westover, where snowplow crews were digging the base out from under a 22-inch nor'easter that hit earlier in the week.



## "Honduras" continued from page 6

cane George when the mountains around Soto Cano were awash with mudslides and a main bridge was carried three miles down river.

For SrA. Jim Kirkby, a big part of the flight was training in the myriad loadmaster tasks under the unblinking eye of SMSgt. Garth Parker. Before every flight, Kirkby poured over the loadmaster's "bible," the bound Flight Crew Checklist, auditing details of procedures for everything from cargo chains to storage boxes, fire suppression, heating and lighting, circuit breakers and breathing devices. "I didn't know there would

be so much to it," he said of his recent enlistment as a loadmaster.

Among the hardest working crewmembers were 439<sup>th</sup> AGS maintenance specialists MSgt. Paul Gagnon and MSgt. David Cabana. An electric problem that kept the C-5 on the ground in Honduras for 36 hours kept Gagnon and Cabana on the flight line for long hours.

The crew spent two nights at Soto Cano in wooden "hootches" of screened windows and tin roof built atop stilts as protection against flooding and insects. Power outages routinely shut the Base Exchange. Showers and latrines are housed on the far side of a field.

Even at 2,000 feet, ringed by 8,000-foot mountain peaks, the temperature was in the 80s. The base is two miles wide and six miles long in the Comayagua valley. At night you can see the lights of Comayagua, a city of 33,000 people, 10 miles away. Cable TV on base warns of areas off-limits due to high crime.

On their two mornings at Soto Cano the aircrew awoke to the raucous calls of assorted screeching birds. Riding the air currents coming off the mountains were wide-winged buzzards. At 0600 hours there was the counterpoint of the Honduran national anthem amplified across the base which serves as a main Honduran "Fuerza Aeria" Air Force base, and the nation's Air Force



**TAKING A STAND** — Crew chief MSgt. David Cabana climbs a B-6 stand to inspect an engine while at Hill AFB, Utah.



**SOUVENIR HUNTER**— SrA. Jim Kirkby holds a souvenir copy of the December 7, 1941 Honolulu Star-Bulletin the day of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

## Westover hosts shadow program

by Gordon A. Newell

Westover played host to about 200 Area high school students Feb. 2, during the base's first Groundhog Shadow Day program.

TSgt. Sirita L. Day, of Westover's Recruiting office, was instrumental in getting the program off the ground said job shadowing first the school's fledgling career pathways by introducing students to different types of careers that may help them get into college or to get a job after high school.

During the visit, students were assigned to shadow a base employee who works in a field of interest to them. Some followed military personnel, others civilians.

Westover started its first pilot job shadowing program last fall by inviting 32 students interested in engineering technology or the military to follow employees who work on Westover's C-5A aircraft.

Since then, groups of about six students visit the base an average of twice a week to observe the workings of the base's aircraft maintenance workers.



**SSgt. Nadine Joy** from the 439<sup>th</sup> Military Personnel Flight shows a student how military identification cards are produced. — courtesy of the Union-News



# AFRC's top NCO focuses on recruiting, retention and family

By 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Stan Paregien  
932<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing public affairs officer

Newly selected Air Force Reserve Command Chief Master Sergeant Cheryl Adams is wasting no time getting ready for her new job.

Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, commander of Air Force Reserve Command and chief of Air Force Reserve, selected Adams from among 12 nominees for the position Jan. 22.

She spent Jan. 23 planning the next big stage of her life and has been on the phone talking to other enlisted leaders and replying to emails of congratulations from throughout the nation.

Adams is currently the command chief for the 932<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing located at Scott Air Force Base, Ill.

"I was in the office at Scott Air Force Base when I got the phone call from General Sherrard," said Adams. "We spoke for a few minutes and he shared with me his philosophy and goals for our enlisted personnel, which I was pleased to hear, mirrored my own. Then he told me I was his

selection and I've been excited about getting to Georgia ever since."

She will be the command's third command chief since it became a major command in 1997.

"There are already some good initiatives going on in the Air Force Reserve and I want to help by getting out there and listening to our folks," she said. "Recruiting and retention are areas I see as important."

"The promotion issue is big and we are already working toward a process to increase opportunities and ensure consistency across the command," Adams said. "I also want to make sure our people are recognized for their talents and contributions; and that they always believe they are a respected part of the force," commented Adams. "I believe that is an important key to retention."

Adams sees her greatest asset as having a passion for people and making sure concerns and needs are taken care of, including one of her favorite areas, personnel recognition programs.

"I have strong listening abilities and I like to get out there and hear from everyone; including our younger, newer members," she said. "If we listen to them, we will understand how to keep them and help the Air Force Reserve maintain readiness for the future."

Her experiences at Scott AFB have helped her get ready for this opportunity of a lifetime.

"I've worked with some excellent enlisted leaders during my time here at Scott. I've had supporters who have pushed me in the right direction and I have learned from both good and bad examples of how to treat people. As command chief master sergeant, I've served under four wing commanders and each one has mentored me and allowed me to grow," Adams said.

The command chief master sergeant is required to travel extensively, but she pointed out that the time spent on the road will be worth it.

"I will be communicating the needs and challenges from individuals in the



Command Chief Master Sergeant  
Cheryl Adams

field back up to General Sherrard and the headquarters staff. I'm anxious to get out and see the diverse people and missions we have in the Air Force Reserve. It will be a chance to meet and thank them for what they do," Adams said.

Adams' faith has been very important and has shaped how she interacts with others as well.

"I've had good times and tough times. My mom went with me when I was just 17 to help me decide between the Army Reserve or Air Force Reserve and I'm thankful I chose the latter," she said. "She was able to see me reach E-9 before she passed away in 1995. My two sons are basically Air Force Reserve 'brats' because they were born and raised since I've been in the military. They waved goodbye when I went to Desert Storm in 1991 to be facility nursing-superintendent at Al Jubail, Saudi Arabia. And my mother came to stay with them. That time away just reminds me that we must ensure that our families know how important they are to us; and how crucial our family support efforts are to them."

Adams assumes the job of command chief for AFRC Feb. 15 and will work at Headquarters AFRC, Robins AFB, Ga.

(AFRC News Service)

## PATRIOT PUNS BY MSGT. W.C. POPE







## My Boss is a Patriot Award Nomination Form

If your boss has received this award in the past three years, contact the Public Affairs Office at (413) 557-3500 before submitting this nomination package.

*This section pertains to your civilian employer, employer-owner or supervisor:*

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business or company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

*This section pertains to you, the nominator:*

Complete name: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Evening: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

*This section pertains to your Reserve Unit:*

Unit (spell out): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Commander's name/rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Phone: \_\_\_\_\_



**Check all of the following that apply to your boss:**

- ☐ Highly supportive of my Reserve service—even when I am called on short notice.
- ☐ Outwardly recognizes me as a special asset because I am in the Reserve.
- ☐ Continues my salary while I am on active duty.
- ☐ Continues company benefits while I am on active duty.
- ☐ Hires someone to fill in for me when I am on annual training duty without penalizing me.
- ☐ Keeps in touch with my family when I am on active duty for more than 30 days.

When you complete this form your boss will get a certificate thanking them for supporting your service in the Air Force Reserve. Return this form to the ESGR Awards office by sending it to:

**Awards Office  
ESGR National Committee  
1555 Wilson Blvd., Suite 200  
Arlington, VA 22209-2405**

Or online at: [www.esgr.org/fromMBIAP.html](http://www.esgr.org/fromMBIAP.html)

Your boss may be eligible for additional statewide recognition. Please take a moment to explain why they are a "Patriot" in the space below. Explain how the company has supported your service in the Reserve? How has your boss made it easier for you to serve? Use extra paper if needed.



## Patriot People

**Name:** Jon-Gary Williams  
**Rank:** TSgt.  
**Age:** 33 years  
**Address:** Holland, Mass.  
**Unit:** 439th Aircraft Generation Squadron  
**Position:** Assistant Crew Chief  
**Civilian position:** Air Reserve Technician  
**Favorite food:** All  
**Years of service:** 15 years  
**Favorite sport:** Baseball  
**Favorite hobby:** Golf  
**Ideal vacation:** Annual tour  
**Best way to relax:** Going with the C-5 on a nice long trip  
**Preferred entertainment:** Listening to the Blues  
**Favorite hero:** MSgt. Tim Biros  
**Favorite music:** Blues  
**Favorite movie:** "Caddy Shack"  
**Favorite aircraft:** C-5A  
**Pet peeve:** Lack of common sense  
**What I would do if I won \$1 million:** Buy a supervisor a cup of coffee



Photo by MSgt. W. C. Pope

TSgt. Jon-Gary Williams

## Patriot Praises

### ENLISTMENTS

SSgt. Burke, Patrick J.  
 SSgt. Stansberry, Robert E.  
 SSgt. Weaver, Jason J.  
 SrA. Abele, Cheryl A.  
 SrA. Briand, David J.  
 SrA. Chamberlain, Jeffrey T.  
 SrA. Derderian, Arthur, Jr.  
 SrA. Secora, Timothy F., Jr.  
 A1C Meulenaere, David P.  
 A1C McCullough, Amanda R.  
 AB Williams, Marvin R.

### REENLISTMENTS

CMSgt. DeFazio, Frances A.  
 SMSgt. Hayes, Wayne F.  
 MSgt. Curto, Louis C.  
 MSgt. Whitehead, Jeffrey A.  
 TSgt. Berry, Daniel P.  
 TSgt. Chapp, Richard D.  
 TSgt. Daunais, Robert A.  
 TSgt. Faust, Peter A.  
 TSgt. Goodman, James M.  
 TSgt. Sala, David C.  
 TSgt. Smith, Raymond C.  
 TSgt. Soucy, Jeanette  
 TSgt. Witt, Daniel C., Jr.  
 SSgt. Carey, Michael J.  
 SSgt. Ferguson, William H., Jr.  
 SSgt. Fortin, Paul J., Jr.  
 SSgt. Huther, Russell F., Jr.  
 SSgt. Jeleniewski, David A.  
 SSgt. Manning, John J., Jr.  
 SSgt. McCarn, Edward C.  
 SSgt. Pagan, Caroline  
 SSgt. Palaia, William M.  
 SSgt. Whelton, James M.  
 SrA. Early, Sebastian T.  
 SrA. Chamberlain, Jeffrey T.

SrA. Bristol, Heidi R.  
 SrA. Langlois, Ryan L.

### NEWLY ASSIGNED

Maj. Mullen, Jeffrey S.  
 Capt. Gamache, Brian G.  
 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Walsh, David P.  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Haley, Michael P.  
 SSgt. Maxam, Donna M.  
 SSgt. McCarn, Edward C.  
 SSgt. Smith, Erik D.  
 SrA. Davis, Keith J.  
 SrA. Grantham, Richard W.  
 SrA. Langlois, Ryan L.  
 SrA. Pelletier, David D.  
 SrA. Wenzell, Christopher M.

### RETIRED

Capt. Lewis, William C., Sr.  
 MSgt. Anderson, Richard J.  
 MSgt. Brewer, Jeanne T.  
 MSgt. Gomperts, George W.  
 MSgt. Morytko, Kenneth L.  
 MSgt. Stanwood, Leonard J.  
 MSgt. Turcotte, Robert R.  
 MSgt. Vargo, David G.  
 TSgt. Goodfield, Edward J., Jr.  
 TSgt. Hannaford, Robert G.  
 TSgt. Huffman, David C.  
 TSgt. Jerzyk, James D.  
 TSgt. Komloski, Francis J.  
 TSgt. Perkins, Thomas B.  
 TSgt. Prechtl, John J.  
 TSgt. Ratcliffe, Mark I.  
 SSgt. Cenotti, Daniel L.

## Reserve Airman Commissioning slot

The 439<sup>th</sup> Logistics Group will select a candidate to be commissioned under the Reserve Airman Commissioning Program on Sunday, April 8. This position will be a Reserve Maintenance Officer (AFSC 21A3) in the Quality Assurance office.

### Requirements follow:

- 1.—age 35 at commissioning (waiver possible up to age 38)
- 2.—Never held a commission
- 3.—Hold a bachelor's degree
- 4.—Have AFOQT scores
- 5.—Agree to attend all training associated with the position
- 6.—Be of high moral character

Interested applicants should send the following items to Col. Charles Brown, 439<sup>th</sup> Logistics Group commander:

- 1—A copy of your resume, and copy of college transcript
- 2—Your AFOQT scores
- 3—Dates you will be eligible for training

Requests must be submitted by March 31, 2001. The successful candidate will be required to attend officer training school as well as an Aircraft Maintenance Officer Course.

## Awards and Decorations

### Meritorious Service Medal

MSgt. Randy T. Bates 439 SFS

### Air Force Commendation Medal

Capt. Michael J. Barden 439 LSS

### Air Force Achievement Medal

MSgt. Donald R. Martel 42 APS  
 TSgt. Michael Iannuzzi 42 APS



## Committee promotes reservist, employer understanding

by Gordon A. Newell

Any reservists having trouble getting time off from his or her civilian job to perform mandatory military duty, can seek help through the national Committee for the Support of the Guard and Reserve.

A committee has been formed at Westover to oversee employment issues and soon, each unit on base will have an ESGR representative who will be training to inform reservists of their options.

Judge Advocate General, Lt. Col. Terry Negron, says educating reservists as well as employers is crucial.

"The base ESGR committee is in existence to promote programs that are aimed at keeping both reservists and employers in the know. Reservists should first and foremost be honest with their employers.

They should let them know what their UTA and annual tour schedules are going to be with as much notice as possible."

ESGR was established 27 years ago as an agency within the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Reserve Affairs. It operates programs directed at United States employers, employees and communities to ensure understanding of

the role or Reserve component members.

The 439<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing traditionally conducts two Employer Appreciation Days each year. Reservists are encouraged to invite their employer to Westover for the day which includes an orientation flight aboard a unit C-5. The events are usually scheduled for both UTAs in Octo-

ber and are promoted in several issues of the "Patriot".

ESGR also has an awards program designed to recognize employers who practice policies that support employer participation in the Guard and Reserve.

All reservists are encouraged to

nominate their employer for the "My Boss is a Patriot," awarded by the National Committee on behalf of the Department of Defense. The State Chair's Award is a plaque-mounted certificate and presented annually by each state chairman. It is designed to recognize employers who have gone above and beyond the legal requirements for employer support.

The PRO Patria Award is presented to those employers who demonstrate support of the national defense by adopting

personnel policies which make it easier for employees to take part in the Guard and Reserve.

The top award is the prestigious Employer Support Freedom Award which is presented annually by the Secretary of Defense in recognition of exceptional support by employers of reservists.

Nomination forms are available from the Westover Public Affairs office in Bldg. 1850 and can be sent through mail or fax or through the NCESGR internet web page at [www.ncesgr.osd.mil](http://www.ncesgr.osd.mil) or through the hyperlink on the Westover ARB web site at [www.afrc.af.mil/439aw](http://www.afrc.af.mil/439aw).

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**—Lt. Col. Terry Negron**



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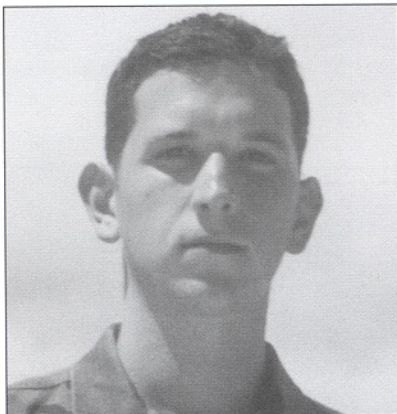
**My Boss is a Patriot  
nominations are being  
taken!!!**

**Take this opportunity to pat your boss  
on the back for supporting you and the  
Air Force Reserve.**

**Nominate your boss for an award fill out the  
application on page 10.**

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